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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCHANIS,

STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION

CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED]

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ITEM NO: 3

DATE: 26 MARCH 1974

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT THIEU DECIDED AGAINST WITHDRAWING RANGERS
FROM BELEAGUED TON LE CHAN

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PRESIDENT THIEU HAS DECIDED AGAINST PROPOSALS FOR WITHDRAWING THE RANGERS FROM THE ISOLATED TON LE CHAN BASE ON THE BORDER OF TAY NINH AND BINH LONG PROVINCES. THE PRESIDENT AGREED WITH THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF MILITARY REGION 3 THAT THE BASE IS IN AN UNTENABLE POSITION, BUT URGED THE RANGERS WOULD BE "WIPE OUT" IF THEY TRIED TO EXFILTRATE.

THIEU DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE LEAST DISADVANTAGEOUS TO PERMIT THE COMMUNISTS TO OVERRUN TON LE CHAN. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN EXPLOIT THE INCIDENT FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES EMPHASIZING THE

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"MARTYR ASPECT." THE PRESIDENT ALSO REFLECTED THAT IF THE COMMUNISTS DO OVERRUN THE BASE, IT WILL FREE THE GOVERNMENT TO RETALIATE IN OTHER AREAS. E-2 IMPDET.

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